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LA GRANJA

(IRRIGATED FARM)

ELTWEED POMEROY

GROUNDS PLANNED FOR PLANTING WITH PLANTS WHICH GROW IN THE

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

DONNA, TEXAS

SPECIALTIES:

VINIFERA GRAPES
SOUTH CHINA PEACHES
ORCHID CANNAS
MEXICAN TUBE-ROSES
BANANA PLANTS
AMARYLLIS
CRINUMS

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SHADE TREES

CIRCULAR NO. 9

Dear Sir:

Shade and wind-break trees are the greatest need both for home and fine fruit or vegetable culture. Until you have lived under both a treeless and a tree condition, you do not know how much difference there can be and many trees and shrubbery will grow and grow well here.

QUICK-GROWING LOW PRICED TREES

PRICE 35c each, \$3.50 per dozen, \$18.00 per 100 and you can assort them at the dozen and 100 price. If you want to order a dozen assorted and leave it to me, I will give you 2 each Umbrella, Carolina Poplar, Am. Ash, Eucalyptus Rostrata Mulberry and Tamarix Plumosa.—Large size on most \$1.00 each.

CHINA OR UMBRELLA TREE

This is a favorite here as it grows rapidly, makes a dense shade, is very handsome. But it is short lived generally breaking to pieces after 8 or 10 years and it is slightly subject to root rot but it is admirable to plant alternately with some long-lived tree such as the elm.

POPLARS

These if given plenty of water are very rapid growing and make fine wind breaks and shade. Have done well with me.

CAROLINA. This is spreading in habit and makes a fine shade tree.

LOMBARDY. This grows tall, 50 to 70 feet and is better for a wind-break and is stately in an avenue or as a back-ground for a house.

SYCAMORE

This is a near relative of the poplars but has a white trunk with large, bright green leaves, very quick-growing if given plenty of water. There is a beautiful row of these trees at Kingsville.

AMERICAN ASH

A large spreading tree of symmetrical shape and of rapid growth.

AMERICAN ELM

This well-known tree, grows far more rapidly than north and soon becomes a good-sized tree. Somewhat subject to root rot.

MULBERRIES

Mulberries grow rapidly here and make a fine windbreak tree because they branch out low near the ground making a dense hedge, yet if trimmed up they will grow tall and make a shade tree.

HICK'S. A profuse ripener of fruit which is very sweet and ripens for three months; the best tree for a poultry yard and fine as a shade tree.

RUSSIAN. Fruit small and does not drop from tree and some trees do not produce fruit, stands dust well and grows well here.

EUCALYPTUS

I have not been successful with Eucalyptus as they have been killed down two winters but I believe if we had two or three very mild winters so that the trees got a good start, they would not be injured save

by the severest freezes. They have been much less injured from Brownsville to Kingsville than up the branch where it is slightly colder in winter and likely in that section they will be a complete success. But they grow so rapidly, are so effective as a high-wind-break, that I advise a trial of the four hardiest varieties.

ROSTRATA OR RED GUM. Said to grow 200 feet high and a remarkably rapid grower.

RUDIS or FLOODED GUM. Grows well on low wet lands subject to inundation, 100 feet.

BLACK LOCUST. Very rapid growing tree with fine leaves and long thorns. A handsome tree.

THE TAMARIXES

I consider these, the best we have yet found for a low wind-break. They will grow under almost any conditions and if well watered, very rapidly. They are exceedingly handsome save for March when they have shed their foliage.

PLUMOSA OR JAPONICA. Grows very erect with soft, plummy foliage of a rich yellow green.

ODESSEANA. This does not grow as high, about 6 feet, its foliage is a lovely blue-green and it has very pretty pink flowers.

CUTTINGS

Several of these trees will grow well from cuttings if planted in February or early March and I am prepared to furnish cuttings of the two Poplars, the Russian Mulberry and the two Tamarixes at \$2.00 per 100, \$12.50 per 1000. Also of Elder which grows well from cuttings.

FLOWERING TREES

FLOWERING WILLOW. This is not a willow at all but its true name is *Chilopsis Linerares*. It is like a small, erect, graceful willow tree and bears profusely, terminal racemes of tube-like flowers and is very lovely. They come in white and purple Price 40c each, \$4.00 pr. dz.

BIRD OF PARADISE TREE. (*Poinciana Gilliesii*.) A very hardy small tree producing quantities of pea-shaped yellow flowers with brilliant red stamens. This tree stands heat, drought, neglect and yet continues to bloom. I can only get a few at 75c each but have some seed at 25c a packet.

TAVASHEEN. A very rapid-growing small tree with lovely tropical foliage and brilliant red flowers in terminal racemes. Needs protection from hard frosts. But very lovely. 50c each, \$5.00 pr. dz. Also seeds 25c a packet. There is a mate to it with pure yellow flowers which is more hardy. Same price.

EVERGREENS

CASUARINA. Or Australian pine or beef-wood. A very rapid growing and symmetrical tree which

looks like a beautiful pine. Subject to damage by heavy frosts but so beautiful, it should be planted. Price 50c, \$5.00 pr. dz.

ROBUSTA GREVILLEA. Or Australian silky Oak. A splendid, fern-leaved tree especially adapted as a shade tree tho it is almost as tender as an orange. Price 50c each, \$5.00 pr. dz.

CEDRUS DEODARA. The Deodar or great Cedar of the Himalayas. Foliage blue green and similar to a pine. Grows to be a large tree. Price \$1.00, \$10.00 pr. dz.

CUPRESSUS LUSITANICA. The Cedar of Goa from Portugal. A very lovely evergreen tree which has done well with me. Price \$1.00, \$10.00 pr. dz.

CUPRESSUS SEMPIVIRENS. A beautiful cypress tree growing pyramidal and doing well all over the south. Price 75c, \$7.50 pr. dz.

ROSEDALE ARBOR VITAE. A very handsome dwarf tree, dense in foliage and conical in shape. 40c, \$4.00 pr. dz.

GOLDEN ARBOR VITAE. Ends of foliage a rich golden color. 60c, \$6.00 pr. dz.

ORIENTAL COMPACT ARBOR VITAE. A splendid hedge plant, conical in form and very dense and regular. Small size 25c, \$2.50 pr. dz. Large size 50c, \$5.00 pr. dz.

LIGUSTRUM JAPONICUM. The smooth-leaved evergreen planted so plentifully on the plazas of San Antonio. The first brought from Japan are now 4 feet in diameter with tops 120 feet across. Bright green in summer and winter with black berries at Christmas. They can be pruned to a straight stem or left bushy. Splendid for street planting. 50c each, \$5.00 pr. dz.

ACACIA MELANOXYLON. Australian Black Wattle. A strong upright tree fine for parks and streets. I brought in some for the Riviera park last winter which are doing finely. 50c, \$5.00 pr. dz.

STERCULIA PLATANIFOLIA. Or Japanese Para ol Tree. A splendid, strong-growing tree with round top and large leaves. Flowers in large white panicles in June. A fine street tree. 50c, \$5.00 pr. dz.

BAMBOO

ARUNDO DONAX. A beautiful bamboo reed growing 12 feet high and making handsome clumps. In the summer, it has immense flower plumes. Hardy and grows luxuriantly here. 35c, \$3.50 pr. dz.

ARUNDO DONAX VARIEGATA. Same as preceding but leaves variegated with white. 50c, \$5.00 pr. dz.

ARUNDINACEA. A giant and very rapid growing bamboo. Rooted canes 20c, \$2. pr. dz.

PAMPAS GRASS (Cordateria Selloana)

SILVER. An immense grass growing in beautiful clumps with feathery plumes often 2 feet long. 50c, \$5.00 pr. dz.

PINK. Same but plumes are pink. 50c, \$5.00 pr. dz.

PALMS

The great botanist, Linnaeus, said that the palms

were the "Kings and Princesses of the vegetable kingdom." They are probably the most ornamental tree we can grow here and give a landscape a distinctly tropical effect. Some are too tender for even our light winter frosts but many varieties will stand them. I advise their planting everywhere for ornament. Palms should not be transplanted from Nov. 1st to March 1st as then they are tender and a slight frost might kill. Most palms should be transplanted with a ball of dirt around the roots. Let the dirt get away from the bulbous surface root of the palm and it dies. Hence great care should be used. In balled palms, it is well to put the burlaps right into the ground and let it rot there. For this reason, I prefer to sell the small palms as it is much easier to plant them rightly. But I list four of the large palms.

DATE PALM. (Phoenix Dactylifera.) This palm is male and female and the female when its blossom is properly pollinized, produces the date of commerce. Like all fruit trees, seedlings are rarely true to their mother, the tree which bears them. To get fine varieties of fruiting dates, suckers must be obtained from female fruiting dates of a fine variety. These are almost impossible to get. But the seedlings make beautiful trees and may bear fine dates.

Large date palms 2'-3' balled, \$2.00 each; medium size 1'-2', \$1.00. For smaller ones, plant the seed yourself.

CANARY PALM. (Phoenix Canariensis.) This is very similar but more beautiful than the Dactylifera but its fruit is not edible.

Large Palms 2'-3' balled \$2.00 each, Medium size, 1'-2' \$1.00. Seed 15c a dz.

WASHINGTONIA ROBUSTA. Or Fan Palm. Leaves fan-shaped with numerous divisions and white filaments. Grows 80' feet high and attains a diameter of 4 feet. One of the most popular palms.

Large palms 2'-3' balled \$2.00 each, Seeds 15c pr. dz.

WASHINGTONIA FILIFERA. Also called Fan Palm but leaves more erect and with more white filaments.

Large Palms 2'-3', balled \$2.00 each.

PHOENIX RECLINATA. Dwarf date palm, grows 12'-20'. Leaves arched and very dark green. Grows quickly and makes a plummy clump. Splendid for street planting. Medium size 18"-24" \$1.00 each, small size 35c each, \$3.50 pr. dz. Seed 20c pr. dz.

COCOS BONETTI. One of the few cocoanut palms which will grow here and has its lovely foliage which is gray-green in color. A very beautiful palm. Small size 50c each, \$5.00 pr. dz.

SABAL PALMETTO. The well known Palmetto palm of the southern states. Very hardy. Grows a tall tree with large head of fan leaves. Small size 30c each \$3.00 pr. dz.

SABAL ADSONII. Dwarf palmetto or Blue Palm. A stemless species with dark, blue green fan leaves. 75c each, \$7.50 pr. dz.

CYCAS REVOLUTA. Sagopalm. A very lovely palm growing about 5 feet high and dense crown of symmetrical, pinate leaves. 75c each, \$7.50 pr. dz.

CHAMAEROPS EXCELSA. Windmill Palm. A hardy, rapid-growing, interesting and beautiful palm with leaves set on edge different from all others. Seed 15c pr. dz.

Yours to make the Valley beautiful,

ELTWEED POMEROY.